

STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2010, an explosion on the mobile drilling platform Deepwater Horizon occurred approximately 130 miles southeast of New Orleans, Louisiana. The resulting fire damaged the rig and it sank on April 22, 2010. The rig contained 700,000 gallons of petroleum products, and it is unclear how much of that fuel was consumed by the fire. Efforts to contain the crude oil leaking from the well have not been successful. On April 24, 2010, the United States Coast Guard (“USCG”) estimated that the well was releasing approximately 42,000 gallons of crude oil per day. On April 28, 2010, the USGC increased this estimate to 200,000 gallons per day. The resulting oil slick in the Gulf of Mexico is at least 600 square miles in areal extent and expanding. The oil slick is generally moving in a northerly direction and threatens Florida’s coast. Oil continues to spill from the well as all efforts to stop the discharge have failed and may not succeed for an extended period of time; and,

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2010, Florida Governor Crist issued Executive Order Number 10-99 declaring a State of Emergency for the following counties: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay and Gulf; and,

WHEREAS, emergency conditions exists or are anticipated in Gulf County due to the effects of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill; and,

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is hereby activated and the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners (the Board”) and their representatives shall have the power, authorities and duties to take any and all action under the plan necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare and safety of the people and property of Gulf County; and,

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 252.38 provides authority and responsibility for safeguarding the life and property of the citizens of Gulf County; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 252.38 provides authority for the waiver by the Board of procedures and formalities otherwise required of Gulf County under the circumstance of a Local State of Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, there is a necessity to ensure timely precautions are taken to protect the natural resources, beaches and other ecosystems, communities and the general welfare of Gulf County and to provide for a prompt and efficient response and recovery in order to safeguard lives, property and livelihood of those affected by the emergency and/or disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 252.38, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners issues a State of Local Emergency for Gulf County, Florida, beginning this 3rd day of May, 2010 at 9:00am ET. Any person not abiding by

this Order is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree and subject to penalties established under Section 252.50, F.S. and/or any other portion(s) of Florida Statutes.

DONE this 3rd day of May, 2010 at 9:00am ET

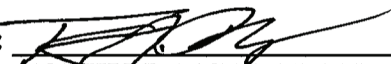
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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CARMEN MCLEMORE, CHAIRMAN

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BY: 
REBECCA NORRIS, CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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